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In re Application of:)
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 Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Examiner:
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 Filed: Concurrently herewith) Group Art Unit:
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 For: Human Spinal Disc Prosthesis)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

On page 1, please delete the sentence after the title and insert the following:

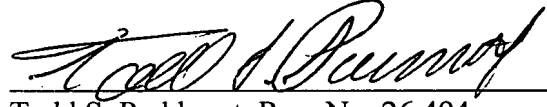
This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/681,230, filed July 22,
U.S. Patent No. 5,674,296,
1996, which is pending and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
08/339,490, filed November 14, 1994, which is abandoned.

REMARKS

The purpose of the above amendment is to identify the continuing information for the
instant application. Notice of allowance for this application is earnestly awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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